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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and acknowledges receipt of the Ministry note No. 135/dvbr dated January 13, 2005.

The Embassy wishes to inform the Ministry that the proposals set forth in the Ministry's note are acceptable to the United States of America and confirms that the Ministry's note and this note will constitute an agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation amending the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 17, 1992, and the Protocol to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 15 and 16, 1999, which will be applied provisionally and will enter into force as proposed in the Ministry's note.

The Embassy avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the Russian Federation and, due to the redistribution of functions among federal government agencies, has the honor to propose the following on behalf of the Russian Federation:

1. Article III of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 17, 1992, as extended by the Protocol to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 15/16, 1999, shall be revised to read as follows:

Article III

Each Party shall designate one or several Executive Agents to implement this Agreement. For the United States of America, the Executive Agent shall be the Department of Defense of the United States of America. For the Russian Federation, with respect to nuclear weapons, the Executive Agents shall be the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation and the Federal Atomic Energy Agency; with respect to the elimination of strategic offensive arms – the Federal Space Agency (regarding the elimination of strategic missile systems and heavy bombers) and the Federal Atomic Energy Agency (regarding the dismantlement and elimination of nuclear submarines); and with respect to chemical demilitarization – the Federal Agency for Industry. Each Party may change or replace its Executive Agents or designate other Executive Agents by sending a written notification to the other Party.

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2. In Article 2 of the Protocol to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 15/16, 1999:

In paragraph 1, replace the words "1. In Article I" with the words "In Article I."

Eliminate paragraph 2.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presumes that if the United States of America agrees with the foregoing, this note and the Embassy's note of reply will constitute the Agreement between the United State of America and the Russian Federation on Amending the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 17, 1992 and the Protocol to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 15/16, 1999, which will be provisionally applied from the date the Embassy's note of reply is received before entry into force of the Protocol to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Russian Federation Concerning the Safe and Secure Transportation, Storage and Destruction of Weapons and the Prevention of Weapons Proliferation of June 15/16, 1999, and will enter into force upon entry into force of the Protocol.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, January *13*, 2005

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